

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendment be entered and all the claims be allowed.

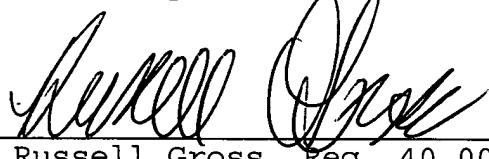
New claims 12 and 18 are allowable because the citations do not suggest " the bias power level ( $P_b$ ) being in a range between zero and the erase power level ( $P_e$ )". The other claims are dependent on claims 12 or 18 and are allowable for the same reasons.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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